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[REDACTED] Dusan Fortic, Press Counselor of the Yugoslav Embassy in Rome, said that the new Yugoslav Ministry of Foreign Affairs will probably replace all political functionaries of various diplomatic representations abroad with career military personnel.

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[REDACTED] Comment: Under the extensive reorganization of the Yugoslav government which became effective on 14 January 1953, General Koca Popovic, Chief of Staff of the Yugoslav Army since 1945, was appointed State Secretary for Foreign Affairs. Although Edvard Kardelj retains the title of Minister of Foreign Affairs along with that of Vice Premier, Popovic will be responsible for the day to day administration of foreign affairs.

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